

1 per cent of all the bills that went into the House, and  
2 the Ways and Means in 1967 considered 27.4 of all the  
3 legislation that went in the House, so between the two  
4 committees, even with the reduction of 13 to 9, those two  
5 committees handled 70.3 per cent of the total legislation  
6 that went in the House and the other 7 committees handled  
7 29.7 per cent of all the legislation that went in the  
8 House.

9 Now, the committee of the Legislative Branch, in  
10 recommending 105 could of course allow for a third committee  
11 comparable to the newly created committee in the Senate  
12 on Economic Affairs, which could consist of another 30 or  
13 31 members, both the House Judiciary and Ways and Means  
14 could have a slight increase, so that therefore you could  
15 utilize all 105 members of the House if that amendment prevails  
16 here on three major committees.

17 It is true that the Eagleton report suggests  
18 that the nine committees presently existing in the House  
19 of Delegates be reduced to five, but I think it is only fair  
20 to say that in all probability, no matter what is done,  
21 Ways and Means and Judiciary will continue to handle